

Outdoor Adventure Camps

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Photos Courtesy of 2007 Attendees

Have you experienced a clear night sky full of stars or the wind rustling through the pine trees? Western history books describe wide-open prairies and big skies of Montana that in years past invited pioneers and conservationists out West. The Theodore Roosevelt Memorial Ranch is such a place where in the summer youth come to experience a safe getaway full of outdoor adventure and new challenges along the scenic and beautiful Rocky Mountain Front.

Two camps offer adventures, challenges, and experiences to last a lifetime. Outdoor opportunities including hiking, fishing, creating fishing flies and lures, and orienteering designed to encourage enduring life skills. Backcountry hikes include observing signs of wildlife, plant life, migratory birds, and expansive wild lands.

Club staffers and others involve youth in the care of the land with the message of conservation and what that means to be individuals living in harmony within diverse landscapes. The beauty of the places and experiences are captured with digital cameras, photography skills and computer techniques to share and enjoy the results with friends and family. Time is devoted to developing other traditional outdoor skills such as archery, rifle, and shotgun target shooting.

The scenic world provides a fabulous learning environment to grow to understand the balance of life and to enjoy it. Here's a breakdown of what campers will experience at the camps:

Outdoor Adventure Camp I – Outdoor Skills

Campers learn how to utilize modern technology to capture and interpret nature's teachings. Along with learning outdoor skills, such as knot tying, fly tying, campfire building, journaling and tracking skills, students utilize digital cameras, GPS units, and computer software to gather and analyze their experiences on the Theodore Roosevelt Memorial Ranch and adjacent public lands.

Campers learn to identify fish, tie their own flies for fly-fishing, and participate in casting games, scavenger hunts, archery, marksmanship, learning survival skills, and a hike to the Bob Marshall Wilderness.

The primary goals of this camp are: 1) to develop youth who are aware, understand, and appreciate the outdoors and conservation of natural resources; and 2) to provide an opportunity for youth to gain outdoor skills on private and public lands.

Outdoor Adventure Camp II – Wildlife Conservation

The camp focuses on outdoors hands-on activities, with presentations by wildlife and natural resource professionals. Topics include conservation ethics, species diversity, habitat management, population ecology, predator-prey interactions, capture and census techniques, animal and plant identification, hunting as a management tool, hunter safety, shooting, and fishing skills.

Campers enjoy the opportunity to interact with wildlife professionals in a variety of wildlife and conservation fields while experiencing the wide-open space of the Rocky Mountain Front region. Youth considering careers in wildlife or natural sciences are strongly encouraged to attend. The experience will be invaluable as they look to the future and further development of safe, sustainable, ethical outdoor skills.

The primary goals of the camp are to: 1) create conservation-wise citizens; and 2) create an avenue for youth interested in careers in natural resources to interact with professionals and learn more about the field.





Boone and Crockett Club's
Anderson Conservation
Education Program

Outdoor Adventure Camps 2008

August 10 – 14, 2008
**Outdoor Adventure Camp I:
OUTDOOR SKILLS**

Who: Youth ages 12 – 15
(or entering grades 7 – 9)
Cost: \$300

August 3 – 7, 2008
**Outdoor Adventure Camp II:
WILDLIFE CONSERVATION**

Who: Youth ages 15 – 17
(or entering grades 10 – 12)
Cost: \$300

Contact JoAnne Cobb at Boone and
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Conservation Center at 406/472-3311
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